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| Bullock's Brains. | per set 60 50 | 牛腦 |
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| " Heart. | " 150 | 牛心 |
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| " Feet. | each 60 60 | 牛蹄 |
| " Kidneys. | " 50 | 牛腰 |
| " Tail. | " 100 | 牛尾 |
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| " Leg. | " 150 | 羊腿 |
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| Pigs' Chittings. | catty 70 60 | 豬油 |
| " Feet. | " 110 | 豬蹄 |
| " Fg. | " 150 | 豬鬃 |
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| " Kidneys. | pair 70 | 豬腰 |
| " Liver. | lb. 190 | 豬肝 |
| Pork Chop. | catty 180 | 豬排 |
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| " Leg. | " 180 | 豬腿 |
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| Sheeps' Head and Feet. | set 300 | 羊頭 |
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| English. | catty | Chinese Name. |
|----------------|-----------|---------------|
| Chickens. | 400 | 雞 |
| Capon. | " 250 | 雞 |
| Ducks. | " 170 | 鴨 |
| Doves. | each 120 | 鴿 |
| Eggs, Hen. | dos. 120 | 雞蛋 |
| " Duck. | " 110 | 鴨蛋 |
| Fowls. | catty 170 | 雞 |
| Geese. | " 200 | 鴨 |
| Hares. | each " " | 兔 |
| Musk Deer. | " " " | 麝 |
| Partridges. | " 450 | 野雞 |
| Pigeons. | " 180 | 鴿 |
| Pheasants. | brace " " | 雉 |
| Rice Birds. | dos. 450 | 禾雀 |
| Quail. | each 170 | 沙雞 |
| Salp. | " 160 | 沙雞 |
| Turkeys, Cook. | catty 500 | 火雞 |
| " Hen. | " 350 | 火雞 |
| Teal. | each 800 | 水鴨 |
| Wild Ducks. | pair " " | 野鴨 |

Fish.

| English. | catty | Chinese Name. |
|--------------------------|------------|---------------|
| Barbel. | 170 | 魚 |
| Bream. | " 80 | 魚 |
| Bombay Ducks. | pieces " " | 魚 |
| Cotton Fresh Water Fish. | catty " " | 魚 |
| Carp. | " 100 | 魚 |
| Catfish. | " " " | 魚 |
| Codfish, Salt. | " 80 | 魚 |
| Crabs. | " 160 | 蟹 |
| Cuttle Fish. | " 100 | 魚 |
| Dab. | " 60 | 魚 |
| Dace. | " 90 | 魚 |
| Dog Fish. | " " " | 魚 |
| Eels, Conger. | " " " | 魚 |
| " Fresh water. | " 800 | 魚 |
| Eels, Yellow. | " 180 | 魚 |
| File Fish. | " 250 | 魚 |
| Frogs. | " 250 | 魚 |
| Fresh Fish. | " 110 | 魚 |
| Gardens. | " 250 | 魚 |
| Gudgeon. | " 90 | 魚 |
| Gurnard. | " 80 | 魚 |
| Herrings. | " 120 | 魚 |
| " smoked. | box " " | 魚 |
| Halibut. | catty 130 | 魚 |
| Lobster. | " 180 | 蟹 |
| Loach. | " 140 | 魚 |
| Lobsters. | " 200 | 蟹 |
| Mackerel. | " " " | 魚 |
| Monk Fish. | " 200 | 魚 |
| Mullet. | " 180 | 魚 |
| Oysters. | " " " | 魚 |
| Parrish. | " 180 | 魚 |
| Pike. | " 140 | 魚 |

| English. | catty | Chinese Name. |
|------------------------------|----------|---------------|
| Pike. | " " " | 魚 |
| Plaice. | " " " | 魚 |
| Pomfret, White. | " 200 | 魚 |
| Pomfret, Black. | " 180 | 魚 |
| Prawns. | " 250 | 蝦 |
| Ray. | " 50 | 魚 |
| Rock Fish. | " 90 80 | 魚 |
| Roach. | " " " | 魚 |
| Salmon, (Canlon). | " 200 | 魚 |
| Shark. | " 50 | 魚 |
| Skipper. | " 100 | 魚 |
| Skate. | " 140 | 魚 |
| Shrimps. | " 140 | 蝦 |
| Snapper. | " 200 | 魚 |
| Sole. | " 150 | 魚 |
| Tench. | " " " | 魚 |
| Turbot. | " 120 | 魚 |
| Turtles, small, fresh water. | " 350 | 魚 |
| Whiting. | catty 70 | 魚 |
| White Bait. | " 90 | 魚 |

Fruits.

| English. | catty | Chinese Name. |
|-----------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Apples, (California). | 300 250 | 蘋果 |
| " (Hawaii). | " " " | 蘋果 |
| " (Japan). | " " " | 蘋果 |
| Bananas, fragrant. | " 30 | 香蕉 |
| " (brides). | " 50 | 香蕉 |
| Chestnuts, Chinese. | " 150 | 栗子 |
| Carambola. | " 80 | 楊桃 |
| Cucumbers. | each 50 | 黃瓜 |
| Ground Nuts. | catty 90 | 花生 |
| Grapes. | " 250 | 葡萄 |
| Lemons, China. | " 60 | 檸檬 |
| " Peel. | " " " | 檸檬 |
| Lichees, Dried. | " 400 | 荔枝 |
| " Fresh. | " " " | 荔枝 |
| Linces. | " " " | 荔枝 |
| Mango, (Sagou). | each " " | 芒果 |
| " (Manila). | " " " | 芒果 |
| Mangoes, Sweet. | catty " " | 芒果 |
| " Green. | " 50 | 芒果 |
| " Red. | " " " | 芒果 |
| Olives. | " 100 | 橄欖 |
| Perseimons. | " 60 | 梨 |
| Pine-apples. | each " " | 鳳梨 |
| Pears. | catty 80 | 梨 |
| " (Tianjin). | " 150 | 梨 |
| Plum, Red. | " " " | 李子 |
| Pumelo. | each 100 | 柚子 |
| " (Siam). | catty 120 | 柚子 |
| Raisins, Muscatel. | " " " | 葡萄乾 |
| " Pudding. | " " " | 葡萄乾 |
| Water Chestnuts, com. | " 40 | 荸薺 |
| " Mandarin. | " 60 | 荸薺 |
| Walnuts. | " 120 | 胡桃 |

Vegetables, &c.

| English. | catty | Chinese Name. |
|--------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| Artichokes, Shanghai. | " " " | 洋蔥 |
| Beans, (French). | " 130 | 豆 |
| " Long. | " 70 | 豆 |
| Beet Root. | each 20 | 甜菜 |
| Brijals, Green. | catty 30 | 白菜 |
| " Red. | " 40 | 白菜 |
| Braconia. | " 40 | 白菜 |
| Bamboo Shoots. | " 80 | 竹筍 |
| Cabbage, Chinese com. | " 80 | 白菜 |
| Cabbage. | each 130 | 白菜 |
| Cauliflower. | " " " | 花椰菜 |
| Carrots. | catty 70 | 胡蘿蔔 |
| Celery, Chinese. | " 140 | 芹菜 |
| " English. | " " " | 芹菜 |
| Chilies Dried. | " 180 | 辣椒 |
| " Red. | " 80 | 辣椒 |
| Curry Stuffs, English. | " 50 | 咖喱 |
| Cucumbers. | " 50 | 黃瓜 |
| Blister Squash. | " 40 | 黃瓜 |
| Gazlo. | " 50 | 黃瓜 |
| Ginger, young. | " 50 | 薑 |
| Horse Radish, S'hal. | " 120 | 蔞 |
| Indian Corn. | pieces " " | 玉米 |
| Lettuce, (English). | each 10 | 生菜 |
| Mushrooms, Fresh. | catty " " | 蘑菇 |
| Onions, Bombay. | " 30 | 洋蔥 |
| " Green. | " 30 | 洋蔥 |
| " Shanghai. | " 60 | 洋蔥 |
| " Japan. | " 70 | 洋蔥 |
| Okraes. | " 70 | 茄子 |
| Parley, English. | bundle 10 | 洋蔥 |
| Potatoes, Sweet. | catty 30 | 洋蔥 |
| " Shanghai. | " 50 | 洋蔥 |
| " Japan. | " 40 | 洋蔥 |
| " American. | " " " | 洋蔥 |
| " Macao. | " " " | 洋蔥 |
| Pumpkin. | " 20 | 南瓜 |
| Purline. | " 5 4 | 南瓜 |
| Papaw. | " 25 20 | 木瓜 |
| Radish. | dosen 80 | 蘿蔔 |
| Rice, best quality, per picul. | \$4.50 | 米 |
| " Common. | \$4.10 | 米 |
| Shalots. | catty 70 | 蔥 |
| Splanch. | " 80 | 蔥 |
| Snake Gourd. | " 40 | 蛇瓜 |
| Tomatoes. | " 70 | 番茄 |
| Taro. | " 80 15 | 芋頭 |
| Tungia, Fung, (Loah). | " 80 | 芋頭 |
| Vegetable Marrow. | " 30 | 芋頭 |
| " (Loah). | " " " | 芋頭 |
| Water Cress. | " 110 | 水芹 |

W. MACDONALD,
General Manager of Market.

THE MASONIC ADDRESS TO THE QUEEN.

The following despatch is published in the Gazette:

Downing Street,
2nd September, 1897.
Sir, I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 154 of the 14th of July last forwarding an address to the Queen from the Freemasons of Hongkong congratulating Her Majesty on the occasion of the completion of the sixtieth year of Her reign.

2.—The address has been laid before the Queen, and I am commanded by Her Majesty to request you to convey to the Freemasons of Hongkong an expression of Her thanks for their loyal congratulations and good wishes.

3.—The Queen was pleased to admire the beautiful manner in which the address is bound—I have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient, humble servant,
JOHN BURNHAM,
For the Secretary of State.

Governor Sir W. Robinson, G.C.M.G., &c. &c. &c.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

THE FRENCH TREATY WITH SIAM.
London, Sept. 23. (The Journal des Debats) says that M. Hanotaux has agreed to the abrogation of Article 3 in the Siam Treaty of 1893.

(The article in question prohibits the maintenance of any armed force in the provinces of Battambang and Siem Reap. A subsequent telegram contradicts the above.)

GENERAL ELLES TAKES HADDA MULLAH'S CAMP.

Bombay, Sept. 24. General Elles attacked Hadda Mullah's Camp, in the Bedari Pass, yesterday. It was taken after a stiff fight. The second Punjab Infantry and the Madras were crowning the heights, and General Elles moved along the top of the pass to the camp on the far side.

THE PLAGUE.

Singapore, September 17. Despite the diminishing temperature the plague in the Doosan districts of Bombay is decreasing considerably, the average number of cases during the past few days having fallen to about 150. A modification in the day's Gazette declares the whole of Sindh free from plague and withdraws the restrictions on railways communicating with the Punjab and other parts of India.

Bombay, September 23.—From three to six deaths from plague take place in Bombay daily. The plague is increasing in the districts of Sindh and Punjab, and deaths in and around Poona occurred yesterday. Three Europeans have been attacked there. The total deaths in the Presidency from plague last week were 718, and in the previous week 722. Satara district had 313 deaths; Poona (including city) 169; and Bombay city 25.

Bombay, September 24. Two European ladies have been attacked with plague at Poona.
REVISED INDIAN TEA ESTIMATE.
Calcutta, September 23.—The official revised estimate of the present season's crop of Indian tea gives the total output as 148,099,000 lbs. Allowing eighteen millions for the Colonies and other ports, and for local consumption, there remains 130,000,000 lbs. for export to Great Britain. The actual shipments to Great Britain to the 18th September amount to 60,942,000 lbs.

THE RECORD REIGN MEMORIAL.

THE GOVERNMENT ASKED TO PAY UP.
The following correspondence is published in the Government Gazette:

CHAIRMAN, JUBILEE COMMITTEE, TO COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Hongkong, 22nd September, 1897.
Sir, I beg to inform you that the Jubilee Committee have collected the sum of ninety-eight thousand eight hundred and ninety-two dollars and twenty-eight cents, amount subscribed by the community whereof to provide a permanent memorial of the completion of the sixtieth year of Her Majesty's reign. I have now to ask the Government for a cheque for an equal amount, in order that the whole sum of \$197,784.56 may, in accordance with resolution 3 passed at the meeting of the Jubilee Committee, held on the 26th April and subsequently approved by His Excellency the Governor, be placed on deposit with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, in the name of the Jubilee Committee.

You will be good enough to inform His Excellency the Governor that the Committee is now engaged in preparing terms and conditions for competition for building a Victoria Hospital and Home for Training Nurses, and as soon as plans are selected they will be submitted for His Excellency's approval and work commenced.

I would further respectfully request you to ask His Excellency the Governor to kindly give directions for the building of the Jubilee Road in accordance with his promise on the occasion of the Victoria Jubilee Road commenced at both ends.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,
C. P. CHATER,
Chairman of the Jubilee Committee.

To Honourable J. H. Stewart Lockhart, Colonial Secretary, &c. &c. &c.

COLONIAL SECRETARY TO CHAIRMAN, JUBILEE COMMITTEE.

Hongkong, 4th October, 1897.
Sir, In reply to your letter of the 22nd ultimo, I am directed to state, for the information of the Jubilee Committee, that a vote for the amount of the Government contribution towards the Jubilee Fund will be brought before the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council next month. The Acting Director of Public Works has promised a preliminary report on the proposed Victoria Jubilee Road in the course of a few days, which, after it has been received, will be duly submitted to the Committee—I have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Honourable C. P. Chater, C.M.G., Chairman, Jubilee Committee.

Hongkong Tides.

12th to 18th October.

| Day. | Time. | Height. | Day. | Time. | Height. |
|---------|-------|---------|---------|-------|---------|
| Oct. 12 | 10 10 | 8 7 | Oct. 17 | 10 10 | 8 7 |
| Oct. 13 | 11 11 | 8 8 | Oct. 18 | 11 11 | 8 8 |
| Oct. 14 | 12 12 | 8 9 | Oct. 19 | 12 12 | 8 9 |
| Oct. 15 | 13 13 | 8 10 | Oct. 20 | 13 13 | 8 10 |
| Oct. 16 | 14 14 | 8 11 | Oct. 21 | 14 14 | 8 11 |

THE OPIUM TAX IN CHINA.

The potentialities of Chinese-grown opium as a source of revenue have been brought to the notice of the Imperial Government, which invited Sir Robert Hart to formulate a scheme of taxation. Sir Robert suggested that the drug should be taxed at 60 per picul, and that the collection in the thirteen chief opium-producing provinces should be entrusted to the Customs service. He estimates the annual production of thirteen provinces at 334,000 piculs—Members of the Anti-Opium Society please note that the net import of Indian opium into China last year was only 44,000 piculs—which might, he considers, be made to yield the Government a revenue of Tls. 20,000,000; though he considered that many years would be required to reach this figure.

The matter was referred, of course, to the Board of Revenue, which—equally of course—disapproves the introduction of foreigners into the affair. A source of income that can be multiplied nearly twenty-fold—the Board admits that "only a little over a million" has been accounted for in the—has been a rich field for speculating to be lost. It is recommended, accordingly, that the collection be left in the hands of the provincial officials, and hopes to reach Sir Robert's estimate more quickly by their means.

If Indian opium can pay Tls. 110, Chinese opium can pay Tls. 60; and Chinese public opinion, without doubt, is a fair object for taxation. Not much confidence, however, will be felt in any such success of Chinese "official" lines. Antiquated methods of collection will be adhered to, and the non-payment of a host of specious collectors will be superadded to whatever actual loss is incurred, and the total pecuniary loss will be increased. It is said that about Tls. 1,800,000 was returned last year, and it may be doubted whether the present state will result in much more than doubling that amount. If the Chinese have any hopes on this as security for a loan, they are likely to be disappointed. Foreign supervision would be a *quid pro quo*.—Saturday Review.

POST OFFICE ANOMALIES.

Mr. Hemmick Heaton has a keen eye for anomalies in the administration of the Post Office. He has just been engaged in pointing out the absurdity of the charges for compound words, which seem to be reckoned as single or double entirely according to the taste and fancy of the authorities, and no intelligible principle whatever. Thus "recommender," "bookmaker," and "bookmaker" pass as single words, but "bookmaker," "bookmaker," and "bookmaker" are charged as two. In times of places the irregularity reaches the point of utter self-contradiction. Woodford Green is one word, but Wood Green counts as two; Forest Hill, in Oxfordshire, is a single word, while the very same name in the London area is double. "Kings Road," "Kings Road," and "Kings Road" are differently estimated in different districts. Prince's Park is one word; Hyde Park is two. Little Crosby is one; Great Crosby two. Little Brighton is a single word; Little Britain double. South Littlehampton, with seven letters, is "Kings Road." And in the South Kensington, with only fifteen letters, is "Kings Road." And these are only a few examples. With commercial terms and registered telegraphic addresses it is the same thing. Why, for instance, should more be exacted for "Dry Goods" than for "Kings Road"? And in an arithmetical ground that "forty-one" is considered two words and "twenty-one" only one? "Cashbook," for some occult reason, is reckoned as double, while "bankbook" remains single; "flower market" and "flower market" are treated as pairs, while "corn" and "corn" and "fish dealer" are left in single blessedness. "Teach" is called two words and "tablecloth" only one; and "seedling" pays double the price of "sugarloaf." Passing to abbreviations, you may wire that you "can't," "don't," or "shan't," at the rate of a half-penny, but if you "haven't" or "shouldn't," you must pay a penny. There seems to be a subtle appropriateness in this. But why St. Pancras is one word and Pancras Street two, why Morden-in-the-March, Littleton-Seyvern, and Chester-in-Street are reckoned as single, but North Kensington, Hanging Ditch, and Chester Street are each two, is as puzzling to the world at large as it must be to the MacAlisters to discover why their signature is rated at a penny while any MacDonald can sign his name for half that price.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

October 10th. — AT 4 P.M.

South Killingholme, with seven-
teenth, is allowed as one, while
Kingston, with only fifteen,
is not extra helpfully. And these
two are the only ones which com-
pare on equal terms and register the same
figures it is the same thing. Why, for
instance, should more be royal for 'Dry
land' than for 'Dress Royal'? And is it
not the same thing and the same
idea? Two words and 'twenty' occur
in 'Cashbook', for some reason
it is reckoned as double, while
'book' remains single; 'flower mar-
ket' (and 'flower market') is treated as
while 'corn merchant' and
'dealer' are left in single blessedness;
only one is called two words and 'table-
top' only one, and 'seeded' pays double
for its mark. Passing to ab-
stractions, you may are the rate of a half-
penny, or 'shant' at the rate of a half-
penny, but if you 'haven't' or 'shouldn't'
cost you a penny. There seems to be

